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Regarding the proposed rule changes on unpublished decisions:

I understand that one of the goals of the judiciary is to promote certainty of outcomes and consistency. It would seem that consideration of unpublished opinions would promote that goal since they represent real disputes with real parties that should be considered in formulating published opinions. Unpublished opinions are not fairy tales. I do not understand why such opinions should be "disfavored". Does this not also take a useful tool away from our judges? I believe judges at all levels are smart enough to recognize that an unpublished case lacks precedential value, and consider it accordingly. Unpublished opinions still give useful guidance (to judges, attorneys, parties and the general public) that may be relevant to other cases and should not be "black balled". I find Justice Markman's comments to be particularly apt and believe this proposed amendment requires additional consideration. Thank you for your time and attention.

Thank you,

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